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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

### THE GREAT GERMAN RETREAT.

#### IS IT DEVELOPING INTO A DEBACLE?

#### "THE BEGINNING OF VERY GREAT EVENTS."

London, March 14.  
Correspondents at Headquarters state that the British guns made the fortified Loupart wood untenable. When the patrols advanced, after a sustained bombardment, on March 12, they found the wood empty. Passing through, they entered the fortress of Grevillers, where there was slight opposition from field howitzers. Bombing patrols followed up.

The Germans are retiring from the Bapaume ridge most speedily, and the British are swarming on their heels day and night, pressing them back to the railway.

The troops are enthusiastic at entering practically undamaged country. From Grevillers they could see the still unbroken roofs and chimneys of half a dozen villages west and north of Bapaume, surrounded by green fields and undamaged roads. The next drive should take the British there.

The glimpse of the panorama has stirred the troops' imagination, and never since 1914 have the infantry watched so interestingly the work of the gunners.

Correspondents agree that important movements are impending, in which the enemy is likely to be damaged severely.

#### The Only Topic in France.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the great German retreat before the British is the only topic discussed.

The air is full of occasional reports that the retreat is turning into a debacle, under the unremitting activity of the pursuers, who are superior both in material and in initiative.

It is at present impossible to say how far these reports are true, but undoubtedly the British continue advancing to the north-east and east of Commequart.

We are probably witnessing the beginning of very great events, involving more than the fall of Bapaume.

#### Obstinate Struggle on French Front.

London, March 14.  
A French official message says:—Between Butte de Meunil and Maison de Champagne, the Germans delivered two violent counter-attacks against works which we had captured to the left of the sector. The enemy was unable to reach our positions anywhere, and sustained heavy losses.

Throughout the night an obstinate grenade struggle continued between Hill 135 and Maison de Champagne, where we captured more trenches.

Between the Meuse and Apremont, our troops penetrated the German trenches at four points, reaching the second line and capturing prisoners.

#### The German Version.

London, March 14.  
A Berlin communique says:—In the Aisne region, the English attacked without artillery preparation between Achiet-Petit and Grevillers, also during the night after a heavy fire on both sides of Bucquoy. They were heavily repulsed. We made prisoner of fifty.

The Champagne battles continue south of Ripont, with varying success.

French thrusts near St. Mihiel failed.

## AUSTRIAN POLITICS.

### Pending Cabinet Crisis.

London, March 14.  
Reuter's correspondent at Bern says that a Cabinet crisis is impending in Vienna. It is stated that Count Martinic will be succeeded by Count Czernin, whom Count Tisza succeeds. Count Julius Andriess will succeed Count Tisza, and will form an Hungarian Coalition Cabinet.

## AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

### A Military Conference.

London, March 14.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Bern, a Berlin message says General von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff are conferring with the Austrian Generals Hottendorff and von Arn at the German Headquarters regarding the impending operations on the Italian and Western fronts.

## GERMAN SEAPLANES v. RUSSIAN DESTROYERS.

London, March 14.  
A German official message states:—German seaplanes, on March 3, bombed two Russian destroyers which approached Constanta and forced them to return.

Two hits were clearly observed on one destroyer fore and aft.

## THE NEW VOTE OF CREDIT.

London, March 14.  
It is understood that the supplementary Vote of Credit to be announced by Mr. Bonar Law will total £50,000,000.

## COUNT BERNSTORFF AT HOME.

London, March 14.  
Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, has arrived in Berlin.

## TELEGRAMS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

### CHINA'S BREAK WITH GERMANY.

German Minister Handed His Passports.

Shanghai, March 15, 9.45 a.m.  
The German Minister was handed his passports last evening, with a dignified Note to the effect that China had carried out her threat because Chinese lives had been lost since, as a result of submarine warfare.

The despatch concludes that the German Consular officials will also be given their passports.

#### The Severance.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

London, March 14.  
China has severed relations with Germany, and has taken possession of German merchantmen at Shanghai.

[A telegram from our Shanghai correspondent, which was published yesterday, contained the above information.—E.H.K.T.]

### FURTHER ADVANCE IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Recovery of British Guns Lost at Kut.

London, March 14.  
A Mesopotamia official message says:—We have advanced in detachments thirty miles up the stream from Bigdad. Steps have been taken to prevent the flooding of the city during the coming rise of the river.

The small arms factory at Bigdad is in good repair. The railway shops contain uninjured and serviceable machinery and five locomotives and rolling stock.

Our guns lost at Kut in 1916 have been recovered at Bigdad.

## THE IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL.

Lord Milner on Its Significance.

London, March 14.  
Lord Milner, presiding at the British Empire Producers' luncheon to Sir Edward P. Morris, Premier of Newfoundland, said that the development of the Empire's resources belonged to to-day's new and constructive era, the guiding principle of which was to regard the Empire as an economic whole. The significance of the War Council was not fully appreciated. It was an Executive Council of the whole Empire, and was capable of deciding questions affecting every part. The time was coming when the direction of Imperial affairs would be in the hands of a Government representative of, or responsible to, all the Dominions. The present Cabinet was morally responsible for the Empire in the conduct of the war, hence they were anxious to have the Dominions representatives' counsel at the Conference.

## AMERICA AGAIN PROVOKED.

U.S. Steamer Sunk Without Warning.

London, March 14.  
The American steamer Algonquin, of 1,800 tons, from New York to London, flying the American flag, and carrying foodstuffs, has been sunk by shell-fire by a German submarine.

The submarine opened fire at a range of three miles, firing twenty shells without warning. The Commander refused to tow the lifeboats towards land. The crew was saved.

## AMERICAN RAILWAYMEN.

Loyal Assurances to President Wilson.

London, March 14.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Federated Railway Unions have been threatening a huge strike for an eight hours' day, but have now written President Wilson stating that if the nation is involved in war, while negotiations with the employers continue, they will co-operate with the Government to the fullest.

## IN THE BALKANS.

London, March 14.  
A Berlin communique says:—We captured 256 Barabans and several machine guns on the Narajivka front.

French thrusts between Ochrida and Prespa Lake and strong enemy attacks north of Monastir failed.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### BAGDAD SEQUELS.

London, March 13.  
An official message from Mesopotamia says:—We maintained close touch with the enemy south of Bagdad in the evening of March 10. At night the enemy evacuated an entire trench line, advancing in close contact.

A general advance on both banks followed, and we occupied the railway station at dawn and then the city. The cavalry advanced in pursuit and after a slight resistance occupied Kadhima, making prisoners of 100.

The gunboats then took up the pursuit. Since February 23 the Turks have been destroying and removing everything of value from Bagdad, but our booty nevertheless is considerable.

The enemy abandoned 500 wounded and we captured between 200 and 300 dead.

We made prisoners of 200 on the left bank of the Tigris on March 10.

The inhabitants of Bagdad warmly welcomed us.

## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE WESTERN OFFENSIVE.

London, March 14.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says that owing to our bombardment the enemy abandoned the main defences along the forward ridge to the west of Bapaume on a 3½ mile front. We drove back the rearwards in this area for a depth of a mile and occupied Grevillers and Loupart Wood. We also progressed to the east and north-east of Commequart on a frontage of a mile.

A raiding party reached our trenches to the south-west of Neuve Chapelle, and a few British are missing.

Hostile raids elsewhere were repulsed.

#### Good News Coming.

London, March 14.  
Our guns and the steady pressure of our troops have compelled the Germans in France to resume their backward movement.

The enemy has been pushed back under cover of the very heavy weather of the last twenty-four hours along a front between 4,000 and 5,000 yards in extent, and to a depth which Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says is so far impossible to estimate.

Our troops advanced right through a series of strong positions which the enemy had prepared in Loupart Wood and we seized the village of Grevillers. Great activity prevails where the Germans have been forced back.

"There should be important news available by tomorrow," concludes the despatch.

#### Effective French Artillery Fire.

London, March 14.  
A French communique reports:—In the Champagne there was reciprocal artillery activity in the sectors of Maisons de Champagne and Main de Massiges.

The Germans with bombs unsuccessfully attacked Hill 185.

On the left of the Meuse there was reciprocal artillery activity.

We apparently were notably effective in the region of Avocourt and Hill 304, and on the right bank north-west of Bezonvaux.

#### A GERMAN CLAIM.

London, March 14.  
A wireless German official message claims that 250 prisoners have been taken at Narajivka.

## THE LLOYD GEORGE CONSPIRACY.

Prisoners' Statements in the Police Court.

The prisoners in the Lloyd George conspiracy trial were charged at Derby on January 31. Mr. Pease as soon as the defendants had been publicly charged, informed the Court that the proceedings were instituted by the Director of Public Prosecutions, on whose behalf he appeared. The magistrate had heard the charge read by Mr. Whistler, their clerk, which was that the defendants conspired together to commit the crime of murder in regard to the Prime Minister and Mr. Henderson, another member of the Government.

What he proposed to do to-day was a very small matter. He proposed to offer evidence of arrest, and then ask the Bench to remand the defendants until Saturday, when the case would be conducted by the Law Officers of the Crown, who would open the case and proceed with the evidence on that day and the following Monday and Tuesday, if the case should take as long.

Inspector Bigman, of the B Division of the Derby Borough Police Force, was then called and examined by Mr. Pease. He said that on Tuesday in company with Detective Sudey, of Derby, and Detective Inspector Parker and Detective-Sergeant Hallatt, of Scotland Yard, he proceeded to No. 12, Peartree-road, the residence of the defendants Wheelodon, Mrs. Wheelodon was out when they arrived, but they saw the prisoner Alfred Mason. Witness said to him, "Are you Alfred Mason?" and he replied, "Yes."

Witness thereupon took him to Bloomfield-street Police Station, where he read the warrant over to him and cautioned him, but all he said was "Not guilty." Witness searched him and found nothing on him. On the way to the police station he told witness that he had been taken to Derby on Saturday.

Nothing to say.

Witness returned to 12 Peartree-road, and saw the defendant Alice

Wheelodon, to whom he read the warrant. She replied, "I have nothing to say about it." Witness took her to the police station and then proceeded to Lileston, where he saw Hetty Wheelodon. She was employed there as a school teacher. She admitted she was the defendant referred to in the warrant, and said, "I know the people you mean, but I know nothing about this murder charge."

She told witness, also, that her name was Harriet Ann Wheelodon, but that she was also known as Hetty. The defendant Hetty Wheelodon corrected Inspector Bigman's evidence, and denied that she said she was Hetty Wheelodon, but answered "Yes" to his question. The other defendants did not ask the inspector any questions.

Detective-inspector McCormack, of the Southampton Borough police, said that on Tuesday he received the warrant from Inspector Everest, of the Metropolitan Police, with which he proceeded to Foundry Lane Council School, where the defendant Winnie Mason was employed as a teacher. She admitted that she was Mrs. Mason, and witness told her he was a police officer. He cautioned her after reading the warrant, and she replied, "What is it all about? I don't understand it. My husband has left on his bicycle for Derby. He is a chemist's assistant seeking employment. I know how much I am in it."

Witness brought her to Derby, where she arrived on Tuesday night. Witness also visited her house in Southampton, and took possession of certain documents.

Mr. Pease: That is all the evidence I propose to offer to-day, and upon that evidence I ask for a remand until Saturday.

Asked if she had anything to say why she should not be remanded, Alice Wheelodon, the eldest defendant, said:—

"I think it is just a trumped-up charge to punish me for my husband being a conscientious objector. You punished him through me while you had him in prison last time. You brought up an unfounded charge, and he went to

## DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Bundman Opera Co.—Performance of "Theodore and Co." at the Theatre Royal.

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prison for it, and now he has gone out of the way you think you will punish him through me, and you can do it.

Defendant Hetty Wheelodon said she had nothing to say against being remanded.

Defendant Winnie Mason said: "I think it is an infamous connection against my family and my husband."

Defendant Alfred Mason said: "I have nothing further to say."

The Mayor then formally remanded defendant in custody until Saturday.

Alice Wheelodon remarked: "I hope we are not going back to that icy cold place where we were last night. My feet have not been warm since I went there. The disgraceful state of the place and its coldness are a disgrace to civilisation."

Mrs. Mason said: "We had to sleep in a place not fit for animals to sleep in."

Mr. Pease said he was told that everything possible was done for defendants' comfort at the last night. Mrs. Mayor replied that defendants would be conveyed to Birmingham gaol until Saturday.

Defendants waved farewells to friends in court.

The Wheelodon Family.

Derby, January 31.—The Wheelodons are a family who have made themselves notorious in Derby by their violent hostility towards military service.

A son, William Marshall Wheelodon, who was a teacher under the Derby Education Committee, was discharged from his employment because of his position as a no-conscientiousist, and it was he to whom Mrs. Wheelodon referred in the dock. The Education Committee refused to give him a character, and the supposed injustice of this decision was a subject of discussion at a recent meeting of the town council, where certain Socialist members were among his sympathisers.

He was charged before the Derby magistrates last summer with obstructing the police on the occasion of the transference of some conscientious objectors from Derby Prison to the barracks for a court-martial, and in default of paying a fine he went to prison for a month.

His whereabouts are at present unknown, and it is understood that the military authorities are looking for him.

An incident which casts a sidelight on the character of the Wheelodons was the unexpected discovery at their house of an absentee, also conscientious objector for whom the authorities have long been looking. His name was Alexander Mann McDonald, and he was described as an insurance agent. He was arrested under the Military Service Act last July and then told the Bench that as a member of the International Labour Body he could not become a soldier. He was handed over to an Army escort, and subsequently released pending the hearing of his case by the Central Tribunal, but he had not been heard of since. He was now handed over again to the military authorities.

Mason was temporarily attached to the staff of Southampton University, and had been in the army since he was 17 years of age.



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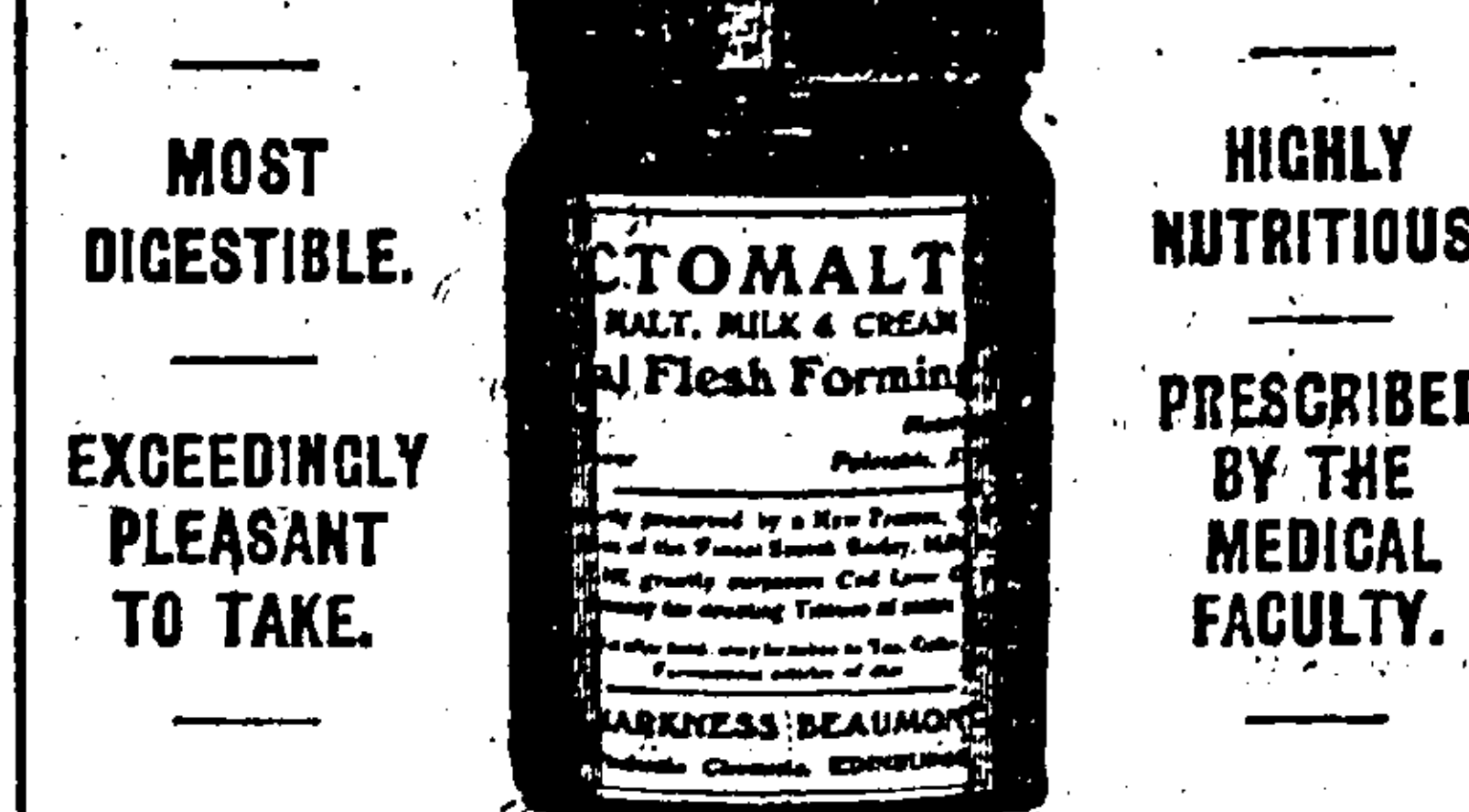
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High Court have never been  
afraid to speak their minds to  
anybody, however exalted. Mr.  
Justice Bray fears not the face of  
Lord D'Abernon and the Control  
Board, and indicated as much at  
Somerset Assizes. While insisting  
that the drink restrictions had  
had a substantial effect in reducing  
crime, the judge went on to  
condemn the abolition of treating.  
He laid down that this interference  
with the British ideas of hospi-  
tality encroached a little too much  
on the liberty of the subject. This  
is what most sensible men have  
always felt. — Globe.Happy Huns.  
Soft-headed humanitarians may  
derive comfort from the fact that  
no single pang of needless suffer-  
ing attends the lot of interned  
Germans—at any rate, in the Isle  
of Man. According to a Dutoch  
newspaper correspondent, the  
immates of the Knockaloe Camp  
are having the time of their lives,  
with musical entertainments,  
theatrical performances, and out-  
door sports to beguile the passing  
hour. "Complaints," it is un-  
derstood, "are very few and of  
little importance"—although as  
yet there is no "champagne ra-  
tion nor has a cinema palace been  
erected in the grounds." But all  
in good time. — John Bull.Amateur Billiard Champion.  
The new amateur billiard  
champion, Mr. J. Graham Symes,  
is a solicitor, and lives at Belisle  
Park. It was his third appear-  
ance in the championship, and on  
previous occasions he was knock-  
ed out in the semi-finals by Mr.  
G. Heginbottom. He, of course,  
plays good billiards; but is below  
average championship form. Mr.  
Fry, the holder, played below his  
usual form, but it was want of  
practice that brought about his  
defeat. He failed to make a cen-  
tury in the course of the match.  
Mr. Symes, who is a fairly good  
golf player, joins the colours this  
month.Hard Times in Bulgaria.  
Rome, January 29.—The  
Giornale d'Italia is informed  
from a Bulgarian source that the  
situation in Bulgaria is decidedly  
worse than that of either Germany  
or Austria. The extreme scarcity  
of even the ordinary means of  
subsistence is causing much  
misery and great discontent both  
against the Bulgarian authorities  
and the German military regime.  
The soldiers refuse to obey the  
orders of their officers, who sym-  
pathise with the men and refuse  
to carry out the disciplinary  
measures prescribed by the  
German authorities. In particu-  
lar, grave disorders have broken  
out when Bulgarian regiments  
have been ordered to foreign  
fronts.Turkey's Change of Calendar.  
Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—A  
telegram from Constantinople  
states that, at the instance of the  
Ottoman Government, the  
Chamber of Deputies sanctioned  
the adoption of the Gregorian  
Calendar. Turkey has hitherto  
observed the Mohammedan  
Calendar, which consists of  
twelve lunar months. The  
Moslem years are reckoned from  
Hejira, or the flight of Mohamed  
from Mecca to Medina in 622  
A. D. The New Year, which  
begins on February 23 (Gregorian  
Calendar), will be 1335. Russia,  
which still uses the Julian (old  
style) Calendar, is now the only  
important country in Europe in  
which the Gregorian Calendar is  
not observed. The attitude of  
the Ottoman Government is  
doubtless the result of influence  
brought to bear by Germany and  
Austria.For a good solid meal a la  
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## MARRIAGE.

**DENING-GARRATT.**—On January 4th, at S.S. Peter and  
Paul's Church, Wadhurst, by Rev. Henry Denning, M.A., uncle of  
the bridegroom, assisted by Rev. Leslie Stevenson, M.A., Vicar of  
the Parish, Captain Roland Denning, Indian Cavalry, third son of  
the late Lieutenant-General Sir Lewis Denning, K.C.B., D.S.O.,  
and Lady Denning, Hampton Court Palace, to Clara de Burgh,  
younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garratt, Ralston, Grey-  
stones, Co. Wicklow.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1917.

## BRAVO CHINA!

The news contained in our Shanghai correspondent's wire of  
yesterday makes fine reading for those who have China's best interest  
at heart. For the first time in her long history she throws off her  
exclusiveness and shows to the outer world that she is prepared to  
take her part in its affairs. For the Kaiser she has a sterner  
meatage; she tells him, by handing Admiral von Hintsch his passport,  
that his agents have laboured in vain in China; that they might as well  
have kept in their pockets the money which they have squandered  
on their propaganda of lies; that she cares nothing for Hun threats;  
and that her sons cannot be killed by Hun pirates with impunity.  
China's entry is, without doubt, one of the hardest blows which our  
enemies have been called upon to receive. Not only do they find  
themselves defied by a nation which they have despised, insulted  
and persecuted, but they are told in the plainest of terms that the  
country in which they look to re-imburse themselves for the money  
laid out on the war may henceforth be closed to them.

Now is the time for China to prove to others that she can exercise  
firmness when she chooses. Her actions will be watched with  
breathless interest by more countries than one, for much of the future  
world policy in the Far East will depend on how she quits herself.  
Her duty is twofold; she has to let Germany see that she will not  
tolerate interference with her lawful commerce or any tampering  
with the lives of her subjects; and she has to demonstrate to other  
foreigners that she realises her right to an independent existence,  
and is prepared to make good that right with steel and shell. It is  
now in her power to abolish forever all patronising or covetous  
interference from without; all talk of annexation, partition and the  
like. Nay, more; the day that she shows to her own unruly subjects  
that she is resolved to assert herself in a manner befitting a country  
with a history like hers, will also be the day on which they will  
begin to respect their Government and its laws.

In order that those same unruly subjects may be impressed  
forthwith, and that all the best interests of the country may be  
preserved, it is earnestly to be hoped that the authorities will,  
without more ado, intern all enemy subjects. There are, at the  
lowest estimate, three thousand Germans in various parts of China;  
and in Tientsin and Shanghai appreciable numbers of these are  
trained and armed riflemen. Yesterday we published a letter from  
a Chinese merchant who is by no means ill informed as to the  
situation, and who points out that such places as the Canton arsenal  
and reservoir are likely to suggest opportunities for mischief to the  
local Huns, unless due precautions are taken. We would urge, in  
support of our correspondent's remarks, that places like the arsenal  
were constructed by Germans, who consequently know the ins and  
outs of the establishment and are quite capable of putting their  
special knowledge to sinister use. The Canton service has hitherto  
given employment to many of these undesirable, but we hope to  
hear that the Chinese will at once put them where they can do no  
harm. It is not fitting that the Government should harbour men  
quite capable of placing bombs on Chinese ships, while carrying out  
their various schemes. Until every German is behind barbed wire,  
China will not be able to feel that she is really ruler of her own  
country. Let the Chinese reflect on the foul plots that have been  
hatched—and too often carried out—in Britain, by Huns whom, by  
a mistake and criminal consideration, the Home Government  
allowed to remain at liberty. Let them remember what has been  
going on in America; the labour troubles, the acts of incendiarism,  
the conspiracies against the lives of prominent persons, including  
that of the President himself. It is suicidal to show mercy to such  
people. It is a part of their military creed that no act should be  
too vile for a child of the Fatherland to commit, and unless China  
bears that important fact in mind, she must look for local disasters;  
for the Germans within her territory still have money and would have  
little scruple in bribing bad characters into stirring up riot and  
revolution.

## A Worthy Work.

Some days ago we reported the  
formation locally of a Chinese  
Ladies' Working Party which has  
begun making comforts for in-  
valid soldiers in England. The  
list we gave of the articles already  
despatched was sufficient to show  
that the newly-established organ-  
isation is doing splendid work.  
The development is a most  
interesting and encouraging  
one, which, we feel sure,  
will be acknowledged by  
everyone as being indicative of a  
most laudable desire on the part  
of Chinese ladies in Hongkong to  
do what they can for those who  
are suffering. Especially will  
those European ladies who have  
been working so magnificently to  
alleviate suffering and distress  
welcome this evidence of practical  
sympathy along the same lines  
by their Chinese sisters. The  
formation of the party, we under-  
stand, has arisen out of the fact  
that a daughter-in-law of the  
Hon. Mr. Wei Yek, at  
present in America, attended a  
meeting there at which a lady,  
who had just returned from  
England, gave a lecture on the  
good work which women could do  
for invalided soldiers. She became  
so taken up with the cause that she  
wrote her sister in Hongkong,  
urging that Chinese ladies here  
should take up war work of some  
kind, with the result that a party  
was formed under the secretary-  
ship of Miss Rose Quinn. There  
are now no fewer than seventy  
members, and no great has been  
the enthusiasm shown that even  
old men and children have come  
forward and asked to be per-  
mitted to lend a hand. We can only  
hope that this will prove to be  
the beginning of a larger move-  
ment among the Chinese ladies of  
Hongkong. It would, indeed, be  
particularly opportune, now that  
China has shown her sympathy  
with the Allied cause, were some  
general society to be formed  
among the Chinese, on the lines  
of the Association of Women War  
Workers, which is doing such an  
admirable work in interesting  
European ladies in the making of  
comforts for our fighting men.

**A Local Shipping Matter.**  
While we have always been  
strongly of the opinion that, in a  
Colony like this, it is better for  
British prestige that a European  
lawbreaker should be sent out of  
Hongkong than that he should go  
to prison, we feel that O'ramander  
Beckwith has no other course open  
to him just now than the giving  
of a sentence for serious in-  
fringements of the shipping laws.  
In yesterday's case of "absent  
without leave" the officer's off-  
ences caused the ship to be  
delayed for thirty-six hours.  
Does such a man realise that  
Europe is at war? The present  
position in the local shipping  
trade is without parallel. Firms  
which, a few years ago, were  
deluged with applications for  
appointments, are forced to  
advertise for skippers or mates  
or engineers, men without tickets  
are being signed on as junior  
officers, and some of the river  
boats, which should be carrying  
two deck officers, must perforce  
put up with one and be thankful  
to get that one. Yet, within the  
last six months, there have been  
many cases wherein the  
magistrates have been forced to  
send ships' officers to prison; in  
other words, wherein men have  
had no more loyalty than to bring  
discredit on one of the finest and  
most honourable professions in  
the world. To be lenient to such  
men would be to inflict injustice  
on the rest of the mercantile  
marine here who are naturally  
jealous for the reputation of their  
calling. Our merchant officers  
have borne a big part in the win-  
ning of the war, and have won  
the esteem and admiration even of  
many of our enemies, to say  
nothing of the Allied  
and neutral nations; and it is  
rather hard that those  
who are left on the China Coast  
should have to work with,  
or to employ, idlers, drunkards  
and the like, who are useless on  
board and who make themselves a  
general nuisance when on  
shore. The number of such un-  
desirables here is, we are glad to  
think, very small indeed, and we  
trust that this minority will take  
warning by some of the sentences  
recently administered and will  
try to realise that, though they  
are not in the fighting line, there  
are many ways in which they can  
demonstrate their patriotism here  
and now.

## DAY BY DAY.

IN ORDER TO RID OURSELVES OF  
DRY, LONELY MONOTONY, IT IS  
NECESSARY TO HAVE A PERSON-  
ALITY AND LET IT ASSESS ITSELF.

**The Dollar.**  
The opening rate of the dollar  
on demand to-day was  
2s. 3.11/16d.

**To-morrow's Anniversary.**  
To-morrow is the first anniver-  
sary of Admiral von Tirpitz' dis-  
placement as head of the German  
Navy by Admiral von Capelle.

**Returned.**  
Mr. T. Petrie returned from  
Honi leave yesterday.

**Poisoned by Gas.**  
Three Chinese coolies have  
been conveyed to the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital suffering  
from gas poisoning, received ac-  
cidentally, on board the s.s.  
Tabaram Maru.

**Obituary.**  
Hongkong Catholics and  
friends of the Rev. Father  
Gabardi will hear with deep  
sympathy of the death of his  
mother, which occurred on De-  
cember 31, at her native town in  
Italy.

**War Comforts.**  
Mrs. Capell's working party  
has sent off this week the follow-  
ing parcels:—One to Miss Vivian,  
containing 8 hats; one to Miss  
Tucker, 34 pieces men's clothing;  
one to Mrs. Lefroy, 24 pieces  
women's and children's clothes.

**Damaged Cargo.**  
A junkmaster has reported to  
the Police that while his vessel  
was some distance from Hong-  
kong it ran aground and the  
cargo, which was valued at about  
\$5,000, was considerably damag-  
ed by water.

**Rubber Dividends.**  
Messrs. Benjamin and Potts  
advise us that the Bote Planta-  
tions, Ltd., will pay a final  
dividend of 5 cents (Shanghai  
currency), and the Tambalak  
Rubber Estates, Ltd., a first  
interim of 5 cents (Singapore  
currency).

**Alice Memorial Hospital.**  
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice  
Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals  
begs to acknowledge with thanks  
the following donations to the  
funds of the Hospitals:—Mor-  
ringside Church, s.s. Edinburgh,  
£8 (£88.82). Miss J. Stewart,  
Dundee, \$1 (\$8.58).

**To a Correspondent.**  
"Indignant."—We think no  
good purpose will be served by  
publishing your letter. There  
appears to be some cause for  
annoyance being felt, but the  
matter is a purely military one,  
and the complaint should be  
addressed to the proper  
authorities.

**Catholic Mission.**  
We are informed by Bishop  
Possoni that a Mission will be  
held at the Catholic Cathedral by  
the Very Rev. Dr. Antonio  
Gomes, of Macao, commencing at  
6 p.m. on Thursday, the 29th  
instant, and ending on Wednes-  
day evening, April 4. Seatholders  
are requested to be at their seats  
before the commencement of each  
service.

**Illicit Opium Divan.**  
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the  
Police Court this morning, a  
Chinese was charged on remand  
with keeping an opium divan  
and with boiling opium at Kow-  
loon City. Inspector Grant stated  
that there was a previous con-  
viction against defendant for a  
similar offence. His Worship  
inflicted a fine of \$100 for keep-  
ing an opium divan, and another  
\$100 for boiling opium.

**Alleged Kidnapping.**  
A man and a woman were  
charged by Sergeant Wills, at the  
Police Court this morning, before  
Mr. O.D. Melbourne, with kidnap-  
ing a small girl ten years of age  
from Mon Kok on January 7.  
Sergeant Wills, in asking for a  
remand, stated that the girl was  
traced to Tan Sai, in Chinese  
territory. Witnesses were wanted  
from the country. A remand was  
granted.

**Concealed Opium.**  
Two Chinese women were  
charged before Mr. J. R. Wood,  
at the Police Court this morning,  
with being in possession of 75  
taels of opium. Inspector Brazil  
stated that the two women were  
arrested in Wing Lok Street.  
They were brought to the Station,  
and, in his presence, the opium  
was found tied round their bodies  
in equal amounts. Mr. Hayward  
appeared for the defence, and the  
case was adjourned.

## RIFLE SHOOTING.

Competition for His Excellency  
the Governor's Cup.

We are asked to state that the  
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, O.M.G.,  
Colonial Secretary, has offered a  
cup for the runner-up in the above  
shoot, which is being organised  
by the Police R.s.s.

The competition will take place  
at Stonecutters' range on Satur-  
day, April 7, and not on Good  
Friday. As the Saturday is a  
General Holiday, it is hoped that  
this alteration of date will not  
inconvenience intending com-  
petitors.

## SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co.  
in their Weekly Share Circular  
(Shanghai, 3rd March), say:—

The slight accession to the  
markets' activity which was noted  
in our circular last week while  
not more accentuated, has been  
fairly maintained, and a fair  
number of transactions have been  
made at prices ruling more or  
less unchanged. Sterling ex-  
change has remained steady at  
3/6, and the Port's supply of  
silver has slightly increased. It  
would seem that the drop in the  
value of debentures has been  
arrested, and some small enquiries  
have been made by investors at  
ruling rates. To-day's opening  
rate for T/T on London was 3/6;  
the Dollar rate being 17.575.

**Company Meetings, etc.**—  
Shanghai Land Investment Co.  
The meeting advertised for 14th  
instant: particulars of the  
accounts were given last week.  
Langkats:—The annual meeting  
is called for 23rd instant: after  
placing Tael 261,342 to further  
reserve for depreciation of Plant,  
Stores, etc., writing off Tael  
48,189.61 from Rubber develop-  
ment, and allocating Tael 250,000  
as further reserve for investment  
depreciation, there remains a  
balance at Profit on the year's  
work of Tael 3,276.04 and this,  
with the sum of Tael 312,569.48  
brought forward from the previous  
year it is proposed to carry for-  
ward to next year's accounts. The  
directors draw attention to the  
fact that the losses on oil-working  
during the past financial year are  
being exceeded at the present  
moment, and an expression of  
opinion will be obtained from the  
shareholders as to the advisability  
of carrying on, or limiting,  
activities in oil drilling in the  
future. The Rubber Estate pro-  
duced a profit of Tael 218,245.89  
on a production of about 500,000  
lbs. The loss of production is  
given as Tael 0.40 and price re-  
alised as Tael 0.80, per pound, on  
the average. Estimated production  
for the current year is 700,000  
pounds, provided that sufficient  
tappers prove available. Anglo-  
Java:—The meeting is called for  
12th instant; when it will be  
proposed to pay a final dividend  
of Tael 0.75, absorbing Tael  
372,000, a bonus to staff of Tael  
44,136.28 and to carry forward  
Tael 7,065.63. This is after  
allowing for Tael 383,604.75 for  
dividends already paid, and the  
writing off by the Dutch com-  
panies of Guilders 87,476.37 for  
Depreciation, and provision for  
Income T.S., etc. Guilders  
79,047.28. Ayer Tawah:—A first  
interim of 10 per cent. has been  
declared payable on 15th instant.  
Kroewek Java:—At the meeting  
to be held on 16th instant the  
Directors will propose the pay-  
ment of Tael 1 final dividend,  
absorbing Tael 55,000 (Tael  
82,500 already having been div-  
ided), a bonus to staff of Tael 8,258,  
and that Tael 5,695.49 be carried  
forward. The Dutch juridical  
company have written off Guilders  
14,198.16 for depreciation, and  
set aside Guilders 20,000 for  
Income Tax and contingencies.

**Father Was Right.**  
Teacher: "Yes, the ruler of  
Russia is called the Tsar. Now,  
what is the ruler of Germany  
called?"  
Young Bill: "Please, miss, I  
know what me father called him,  
but I don't like to tell you."  
London Mail.

## BANDMAN COMPANY.

Successful Presentation of  
"Tina."

A passion for male musicians  
and a strong romantic nature  
result in crowding quite a lot of  
experience into the life of "Tina,"  
the leading character in the bright  
musical comedy of that name  
which was presented at the  
Theatre Royal, last night, by the  
Bandman Opera Company before  
a bumper house. The piece is the  
essence of brightness, and merri-  
ment is never absent from the  
start to the finish.

The first scene is laid in Venice,  
where we see an impoverished  
Venetian Duke giving a last  
dinner party prior to his departure  
for America in search of an  
heiress who, in exchange for a  
title, will better her wealth and  
build up once more the  
ancestral estates. The Duke  
(Mr. Leyland Hodgson) is a  
care-free, young spendthrift,  
at the beck and call of his  
numerous creditors, who have  
closed down upon him and  
arranged his affairs, even to  
selling his beautiful palace over  
his head to Mr. William Van  
Dam (Mr. Fred Winn), a Dutch  
cocoa manufacturer, the father of  
the charming (Tina) Miss Marjorie  
Manners. Things begin to get  
busy when Tina, having escaped  
from her father's secretary, visits  
her father's new possession, and a  
moment after hearing the  
haunting strains of a  
violin, which captivates  
her heart, sees the handsome  
young Duke with the violin in his  
hand. Immediately she jumps  
to the conclusion that he is the  
musician, and there and then  
decides that he is the man for  
her to marry. In reality the  
Duke has merely taken the in-  
strument from Rinaldo (Mr. H.  
Louis Cowen), a famous Italian  
musician, whom he has engaged  
to play at his party. Antonio  
Belloni (Mr. Robin Shiells), the  
chief of the creditors, seeing that  
the Duke and Tina are desperat-  
ely in love with one another,  
decides that, after all, there is no  
need for the young man to go to  
America to find an heiress when  
there is one on the spot. There-  
upon he and Mr. Van Dam plot  
to encourage Tina to go on believ-  
ing that the Duke is Rinaldo  
and a famous musician! To add  
colour to the scheme, they bring  
the Duke into their confidence and  
are purposely blind to the elc-  
ment to Paris which is arranged,  
and which subsequently takes  
place. Pestered ever to play the  
violin, the young Duke has to  
cover his shortcomings with a  
multitude of lies, but at length  
he is cornered and makes his  
confession. At this there is a  
break between the lovers, but  
through the kind grace of Tina's  
father and Belloni, the couple are  
re-united and all goes well.

All the parts were well taken,  
and Nico (Mr. Compton Conitt),  
the Duke's valet, was particularly  
good. He kept the audience in  
good spirits whenever he appear-  
ed. The scenery was exquisite,  
and the dresses of the charming  
chorus were sweetly original.  
The music, too, was all that could  
be desired, several very catchy  
songs being introduced.  
To-night "Theodore and Co."  
will be presented by the Company.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr.  
F. O. Jenkin, D.S. P. (Reserve),  
state:—

### Police Schools.

Class IX (Chief Inspector  
Kerr).—Wednesday, March 21,  
and Monday, March 26.

Class X (Inspector Gerrard).—  
Monday, March 19, and Thursday,  
March 22.

Class XI (Inspector Gordon).—  
Friday, March 23, and Friday,  
March 30.

The O.C. No. 2 Company and  
Commanders of Nos. 1 and 2  
Sections will send list of men  
warned to attend these classes to  
Staff Inspector Fothergill.  
Members will attend in uniform.  
Headquarters Club at 5.30 p.m.  
and will supply their own writing  
material.

## TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The dearth of barbers, says the  
Chronicle, has forced a good many  
men to shave themselves who,  
before the war, regarded even a  
safety razor as a fearsome and  
dangerous implement. There is a  
kind of moral satisfaction in shav-  
ing oneself which is induced by no  
other toilet function. I know a  
verse writer of some distinction  
who asserts that his happiest shav-  
ing feats always come to him with  
the rhythmic sweep of the lather-  
brush and the razor—not a safety.  
And our novelists, particularly  
the Victorian ones, are fond of  
the dressing-gown and shaving  
deshabille of their heroes. The  
most remarkable barber in En-  
glish literature is Thackeray's  
Mr. Eglantine, whose affection for  
"The Eveninging" was inspired by  
the glories of that  
young woman's hair.

This war may revive the beard  
and also the habit of wearing the  
hair long simply through a dearth  
of barbers; but in our last great  
war the beard became fashionable  
from another cause. Officers and  
men alike remained unshaven in the  
trenches before Sebastopol owing to  
the severe cold. When they returned to England many  
of them still retained their beards,  
which were so admired by the  
opposite sex that civilians abjured  
their razors and waited im-  
patiently for the hair to grow on  
their faces which would make  
them resemble the heroes of the  
Battlefield.

Envelopes, with which Gov-  
ernment departments are now  
being so economical, observes the  
Chronicle, are generally supposed  
to have been the invention of S.  
K. Beeser, a Brighton bookseller.  
He found himself overstocked  
with some small sheets of paper  
upon which it was difficult to write  
the address. For these he devised  
small envelopes and metal  
plates for cutting them to size and  
shape, and Brighton ladies signi-  
fied their approval in the usual  
manner. That was in 1880, but  
they had to wait until 1880 and  
the establishment by Sir Rowland  
Hill of the penny post to make  
their use general. And it was  
Edward Hill, Roland's brother,  
who patented in 1845 the first  
envelope machine.

Lord de Balquharn, having lost  
his eldest son at the battle of  
Neuve Chapelle, and his remain-  
ing son having now been drowned  
in the Laurentine, is left without  
a successor to his title, says the  
Globe. This brings the number  
of heirs to peers who have  
been killed during the war to  
62, and the total of peer-  
ages which are thereby threatened  
with extinction to nine. The  
others are the Marquise of  
Lincolshire, the Earl of  
London, and the Baroness of  
Karesborough, Ribblesdale,  
Playfair, Rosmead, Stamford,  
and St. David's. The King is  
said to desire to prevent  
honours lapsing in consequence  
of the heir being killed in  
action. Although there is a  
fundamental objection to alter-  
ing the English descent of heredi-  
tary dignities in the direction  
of the Continental all-in system,  
a step to avert this painful ag-  
gravation of bereavement would  
be justified as a war measure  
when so many other novel  
precedents have been established.  
It can only be done by fresh  
creations with special remainders  
beyond the customary one to  
heirs male.

The weight of hair which  
women carry would be a burden  
to a man unless he was a pro-  
fessional pianist, says the  
Globe. Dr. A. R. Reynolds says most  
men become more or less bald,  
whereas women do not, to the  
same extent, become bald on the  
top of the head. He ascribes this  
to the close-fitting hat, which  
compresses the blood vessels of  
the head which feed the roots of  
hair. The logical necessity of  
wearing a hat, as a shade from  
the sun, seldom applies in En-  
gland, and the universal custom is  
merely a fashion.

War Loan Subscriptions.  
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Committee.







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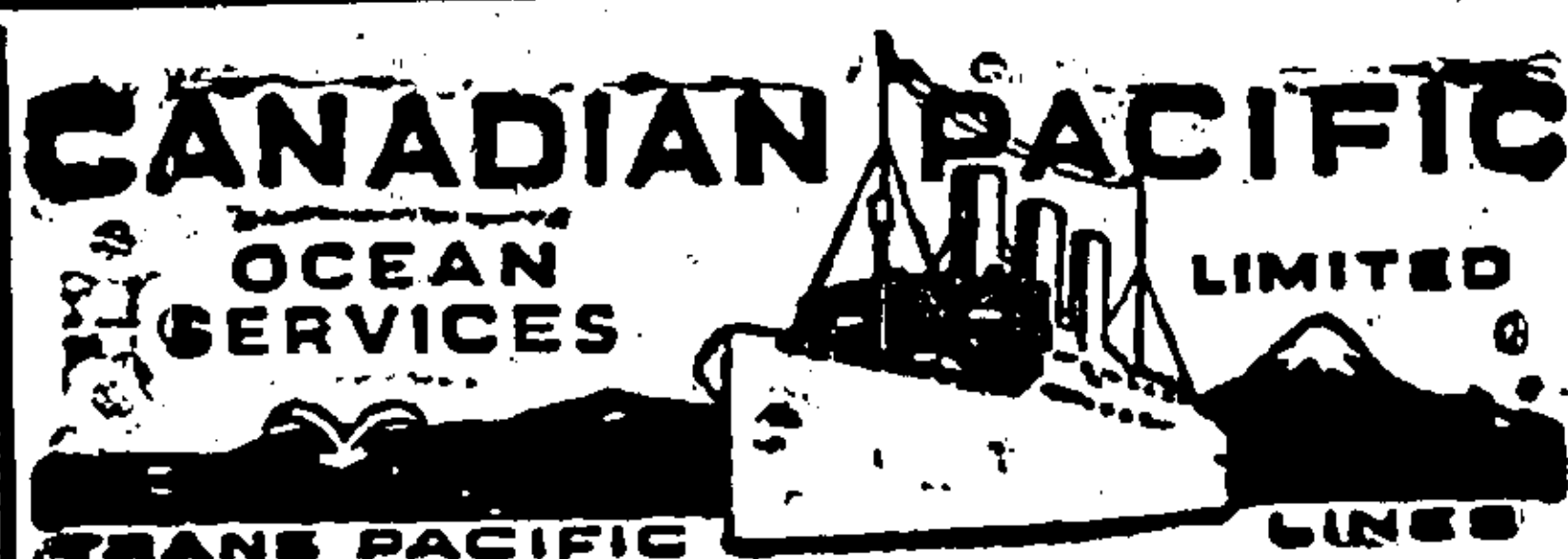
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MOJI and Kobe .....		

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SWATOW/SINGAPORE .....	Liangchow	18th Mar. at 9 a.m.
SHANGHAI .....	Sunning	20th Mar. at 4 p.m.
MANILA CEBU & ILOILO	Tean	21st Mar. at noon.
TIENTSIN .....	Kueichow	22nd Mar. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI .....	Shantung	22nd Mar. at 4 p.m.
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TIENTSIN .....	Chipshing	Fri., 16th Mar. at 3 p.m.
MANILA .....	Yuensang	Sat., 17th Mar. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI .....	Win sang	Tues., 20th Mar. at d'light.
KOBE & Moji .....	Kumsang	Tues., 20th Mar. at d'light.
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MANILA .....	Loongsang	Sat., 24th Mar. at 3 p.m.

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## The Construction of Tankers.

An extremely large number of oil tankers is in course of construction on both sides of the Atlantic, chiefly, however, in the United States. Apart from the fact that many vessels are being fitted to burn oil instead of coal, more motor-driven ships are being built or are on order to-day than has ever been the case.

## Norwegian Shipbuilding in the United States.

American shipowners have lately, it is reported, bought many of the building contracts which Norwegian owners had closed in the United States. It is believed that these sales, with the great profits, may induce the Norwegians to make new contracts with American shipbuilding yards.

## Strangled by Red Tape.

The Board of Trade seem recently to have had it forced upon their minds that prodigality of provisions for foreign-going crews is invidious when so many of the population at home are going short. Some genius among them accordingly directed that a circular should be issued asking owners to virtual their vessels as far as possible abroad. The result was that those who did so had their supplies rejected by the Board's inspectors when they arrived home, because—although perfectly good—they did not come up to the red tape arbitrary standard—"John Bull."

## Arming of N.Y.K. Ships.

As already reported in these columns, the Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have decided to arm the company's European liners, and the authorities have been notified of their decision. It is now stated, says the "Japan Chronicle," that the Naval Department has arranged with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for the loan of a dozen 3.7 inch guns to be mounted on board the company's European liners. Two guns are to be mounted on each ship, one at the bow and the other at the stern. Nine of the 20 N.Y.K. ships now on the European line are extra liners, and proceed to New York from London. According to their formation furnished by the British Navy, the most dangerous submarine zone extends over the voyage from 17 or 18 days north of Cape Town all the way to the Cape, and it is the intention of the Japanese Government that the N.Y.K. liners should be armed while travelling through this submarine zone.

## German Liner Sold in London.

London, January 18—There was much enthusiasm on the Baltic Exchange this afternoon at the auction of a prize German liner. Mr. H. G. K. Luck, who put up the steel twin-screw cargo and passenger steamer Prinz Adalbert, the largest liner yet offered, by order of the Admiralty, explained that she would require certain repairs, but temporary repairs could be carried out which would enable her to get the certificate required for immediate trading. But she was a really good piece to repair permanently, no matter how long it would take. She was of the class of vessel they had lost a good many of during the war. There were many British owners in the room, and very keen competition was evident during the sale. The first bid was only £51,000, but she was eventually purchased by H. Clark and Co., Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3, for £152,000 on behalf of French owners. The liner Prinz Adalbert is of 6030 tons gross and 3,797 tons net register, and was built in 1912 at Vessack by Bremen Vulkan. She has quadruple engines, eight cylinders, about 85 in., 64 in., 28 in., and 55 in. by about 41 in. stroke; two double-ended and one single-ended boilers; a rated to carry about 6,600 tons d.w., to accommodate about 1,700 passengers in 35 rooms and about 1,000 steerage passengers; a draft of about 12 ft. 2 in.; and to draw about 42 ft. 11 in. draft when laden; registered to have a bunker capacity of about 1,400 tons, four hatches, five holds, 11 steam winches, 16 derricks, windlass, capstan and steam-driven gear; two decks with one poop about 8 ft., and for castle about 6 ft.; electric light. Her dimensions are about 43 ft. by 49 ft. by 27 ft. The vessel was sold as she lies in a damaged condition at London. Certain temporary repairs are being carried out.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 18th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1917.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, AND REDUCED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916 and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1917.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD., AND REDUCED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive.

The return of Capital of \$2.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1917.

## NOTICES.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on FRIDAY the 30th inst., at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1917.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
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Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1917.

## NOTICE.

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EDWARD MENASHIH JOSEPH.  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1917.

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THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.,  
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The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs insist that senders of parcels addressed to France, Corsica, and Algeria must fill in the columns of the regular Customs Declaration, particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein.

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Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

a. Jacob, Dutch, s.s. 7,931, F. Bauer, 14th Mar.—Singapore 10th Mar. Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Seychro M. Jap. s.s. 813, Aol. 14th Mar.—Keelung, 11th Mar. Coal.—Y. T.

Takaoan M. Jap. s.s. 1,118, Galle pie, 14th Mar.—Keelung, 11th Mar. Coal.—M. B. K.

Drafer, Nor s.s. 1,101, H. J. 14th Mar.—Bangkok, 5th Mar. Gen.—C. R.

Chi Yee, Chinese s.s. 1,177, Wilks, 14th Mar.—Shanghai, 10th Mar. Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Anayusa M. Jap. s.s. 1,370, Konleho, 15th Mar.—Swatow 14th Mar. Gen.—O. S. K.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 15th at 11.50.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has increased considerably over the east and south coasts of China, and slightly over Amoy and the Philippines; a sharp decrease has occurred at Vladivostok. An anticyclone of moderate intensity is situated over the lower Yangtze Valley; the depression has probably moved north-eastward.

Strong monsoon will prevail over the east coast of China, and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.89 inches, against an average of 4.54 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Road.	N.E. winds fresh to strong; cloudy, probably some rain.
2 Forearm Channel.	N. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamoo.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

March 15, a.m.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds.	Force.	Direction.	Weather.
Victoria	30.93	12					0 c
Hakodate							
Tokio							
Kobe							
Nagasaki							
Kagoshima							
Shanghai							
Amoy							
Swatow							
Taihou	30.30	52	90	ene	4	0	
Taiwan	30.11	54		n	4	0	
Kobe	30.08	55		n	4	0	
Kobe	30.06	54		n	8	0	
Peking	30.15	59		n	10	0	
Canton	30.25	53	86	n	3	0	
H'kong	30.17	59	62	n	3	0	
Gap Road	30.16			nne	4	0	
Macao	30.19	55	77	nne	2	0	
Wuchow							
Shanghai							
Hankow							
Paullien	30.14	57	98	nne	2	rf	
Tourane	29.98	70		se	3	0	
O. S. J.	29.80	77		ene	6	0	
Amoy	29.97	75	94	se	0	0	
Dagupan	29.86	75	83	se	2	0	
Manila	29.89	68	94	ene	1	0	
Legaspi	29.88	79	84	nne	2	0	
Tacloban	29.87	75	94	n	4	0	
Iloilo	29.84	75	92	n	4	0	
Surigao	29.85	75	94	0	r		
Luzon	29.73	78	94	n	4	r	

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 15, 1917.  
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date.
	at 6 p.m.	at 4 p.m.	at 6 p.m.
Barometer	29.91	30.17	30.21
Temperature	74	59	56
Humidity	76	62	72
Wind Direction	W	N	N
Force	3	3	2
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open air temperature on date	74th	74	74
Lowest	56th	56	56

H.K. Observatory, March 15, 1917.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

## TIDE TABLE.

From 12th Mar. to 18th Mar.

T. J.	S. J.	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Day	Day	Hongkong	Hongkong	Mean Time	Mean Time
Mon.	11	10.10	4.10	10.10	4.10
Tues.	12	10.11	4.11	10.11	4.11
Wed.	13	10.12	4.12	10.12	4.12
Thurs.	14	10.13	4.13	10.13	4.13
Fri.	15	10.14	4.14	10.14	4.14
Sat.	16	10.15	4.15	10.15	4.15
Sun.	17	10.16	4.16	10.16	4.16
Mon.	18	10.17	4.17	10.17	4.17

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